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In re application of: Livshits et al  
Application. No.: 09/459,573  
Filing Date: December 13, 1999  
Atty. Docket No. US-1270  
Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO ACIDS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Please find enclosed:

- ☒ Amendment and Request for Reconsideration: 6 pages.
- ☒ Petition for Extension of time from the Notice of Appeal, mailed August 19, 2004, 2 months to December 19, 2004: 1 pages
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement: pages.
- ☐ PTO-1449: pages.
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Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/459,573

Examiner: Ramirez

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-  
AMINO ACID**VIA FACSIMILE TO: 703 872 9306****AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 19, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, and further to the amendment filed June 2, 2004 which was entered by the Examiner (see Advisory Action of July 14, 2004), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. Although after final rejection, the following amendments and arguments are minimal, do not raise new issues, and have been informally approved by the Examiner; therefore, entry and consideration is respectfully requested.

A Notice of Appeal was filed in this application on August 19, 2004 setting a 2 month statutory period for further filings, therefore a two-month extension of time to extend the period for response from October 19, 2004 to December 19, 2004 is filed herewith.